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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

COUGILL HOMECOMING PARADE MARSHAL

CHARLESTON, IL--"Desert Storm" veteran U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Roscoe M. Cougill will serve as grand marshal of Eastern Illinois University's Homecoming parade at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 19.

"The University Board Homecoming Committee is honored to have General Cougill, a Charleston native and Eastern graduate, join us in the celebration of Eastern's 76th Homecoming, 'America the Beautiful: EIU Salutes the Red, White, and Blue,'" said Brad Kirk, an EIU junior psychology major from Normal and University Board Homecoming Coordinator.

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Cougill, who is currently director of the Command and Control, Communications, and Computer Systems Directorate, U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, spent eight months in Saudi Arabia as General H. Norman Schwarzkopf's communications staff officer.

A graduate of Charleston High School, he received his Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Eastern in 1963 and entered the Air Force in August 1964. He received his commission in November 1964 upon completion of Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Cougill has held numerous key positions including chief of operations for the 27th Communications Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, with additional duty as officer-in-charge of two operating locations at Da Nang and Bien Hoa air bases, Republic of Vietnam.

He has also served at the Pentagon in the Directorate of Command, Control and Telecommunications. In 1981, he graduated from the Army War College and in 1983 became executive officer of the Command, Control and Communications Division, International Military Staff, Headquarters NATO, Brussels, Belgium.

He and his wife, Sallie, a 1966 EIU graduate, plan to retire in Charleston next year. Their son, Christopher, is a sophomore pre-engineering major at Eastern.

Cougill will lead the parade which will feature 150 entries, including the EIU Marching Band, Charleston High School and Junior High School Bands, and Altamont and Beecher City Marching Bands. There will also be a wide variety of floats and cars decorated in the "America the Beautiful" theme.

Among the dignitaries riding in the parade are Eastern's 1991 Alumni Award recipients, Cathy Berns-Rund ('86), Outstanding Young Alumnus Award; Roger Roberson ('64), Alumni Service Award; and Randall Arney ('78) and Dr. Juan Rojas ('58), Distinguished Alumnus Awards.

This year's parade route will be the same as last year. Entries will form on and near Seventh Street on the east side of Eastern's campus.

The parade will go north on Seventh Street, around the Charleston Square, and return south on Sixth Street, rejoining Seventh Street behind Boatmen's Bank near Lincoln Avenue, and then return to the Buzzard building on Eastern's campus.